THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Security arrangements at airports in India are in accordance with the standards and recommended practices laid down in Annex-17 to the convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago) 1944 and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Security Manual. However, after the incident of hijacking of IC-814, following measures have been taken to further strengthen security at the airports :

(i) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in place of State Police for security duties at the operational airports in a phased manner. The CISF has already taken over the security duties at Patna, Jaipur, Guwahati, Vadodara, Port Blair, Rajkot, Ranchi, Agartala, Bhopal, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad.

(ii) Frisking of passengers and hand baggage at the time of entry into sterile area has been tightened. Ladder-point secondary frisking has been introduced.

(iii) Strict control on access to the airports is being ensured by comprehensive review of Photo Identity Cards to restrict the number of pass-holders.

(iv) Deployment of Sky Marshals on flights at random basis as an added safety precaution.

(v) Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all the operational airports.

(vi) Replacement of old X-Ray machines and installation of new colour X-Ray machines wherever necessary so as to ensure that atleast two X-Ray machines are available at every point.

(vii) Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up at the airports is being done in a phased manner.

Development of tourist places in Himachal Pradesh

*353. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the amount spent by Government for development and maintenance of all tourist places in Himachal Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan in each district of the State;

(b) the details of the amount to be spent by Government for development and maintenance of the tourist places in Himachal Pradesh district-wise during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of the amount actually utilised so far on the development of tourist places in Himachal Pradesh district-wise and place-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR) : (a) to (c) Development and maintenance of tourist infrastructure at tourist places/spots is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance for tourism projects/schemes prioritised in consultation with the State Governments every year. The first instalment is released when the project/scheme is sanctioned. Subsequent instalments are released on receipt of Utilisation Certificates from the State Governments.

Projects/schemes are prioritised for the States as a whole and not district-wise. The details of central financial asistance extended to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for development/improvement of tourism during VIII Plan and first three years of IX Plan are as under :—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	No. of Projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
VIII PLAN			
1992-93	09	084.87	051.92
1993-94	15	316.62	213.57
1994-95	20	356.85	235.55
1995-96	14	475.90	358.09
1996-97	12	196.93	114.33
TOTAL	70	1431.17	973.46
IX PLAN			
1997-98	06	119.00	057.50
1998-99	10	318.00	164.50
1999-2000	17	668.29	146.79
TOTAL	33	1105.29	368.79